Quick Facts Tempe

- Φ Tempe grew to a population of 158,625 in 2000, an 11.75% increase over 1990.
- Φ Tempe has a relatively small land area compared to other Maricopa County cities with 39.8 square miles.
- Φ Tempe is the densest community in Maricopa County, with over 3,900 persons per square mile. (see graphic on page 3)
- Φ Tempe has a very high percentage of residents ages 18-late 20's due to the university. (see graphic on page 4)
- Φ Tempe's minority population has increased significantly since 1990. Non-minority population grew by 2.5%, while the minority population grew by 85%. (see graphic on pages 5)
- Φ Just over half (51%) of Tempe residents are homeowners, while 49% are renters.
- Φ Family and non-family households are concentrated in particular areas of the city (see graphic on page 6)
- Φ Tempe's rate of poverty is 14.3%, which is higher than the 11.7% rate for Maricopa County. This gap has widened over the past 10 years (*see graphic on page 7*).